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FCC CHAIRMAN POWELL STATEMENT ON FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF WIRELESS LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY

November 24, 2004, marks one year of wireless local number portability. More than 8.5 million consumers have taken advantage of the opportunity to change their wireless carrier and keep their phone number or move a landline number to a wireless phone. One of the primary reasons for the great success of the mobile telephone industry has been competition, and wireless LNP has stimulated competition on wireless carriers providing quality service and greater consumer choice. Wireless LNP allows consumers to choose their carrier based on the best rates and plans for their needs, rather than remaining captive with a carrier they no longer want in order not to undergo a change of phone number.

I commend the wireless industry for overcoming some initial glitches, inherent in any new system, and making the porting process go smoothly and efficiently for consumers. I am also pleased to note that some wireless providers have recently announced they have reduced the line item charges that had been imposed to fund LNP, another consumer win.

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